

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 WEI QUAN WU and DA BIAO WU,

13 Defendants.

CASE NO. CR20-0173-JCC

ORDER

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15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' joint unopposed motion to continue  
16 the trial date and pretrial motions deadline. (Dkt. No. 47.) Trial in this case is currently set for  
17 May 16, 2022. Having thoroughly considered the relevant record, and for the reasons described  
18 below, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion.

19 Defendants indicate that a continuance is necessary to review voluminous discovery and  
20 effectively represent their clients. (*See* Dkt. No. 47 at 3–4.) Production includes hundreds of  
21 thousands of pages of documents, over fifty terabytes of surveillance video, and hundreds of  
22 seized digital devices. (*Id.* at 4.) In addition, Defendants speak Taishanese and there have been  
23 significant challenges in securing specialized Taishanese interpreters for Defendants to  
24 communicate with counsel and review discovery together. (*Id.* at 3–4.) Finally, the ongoing  
25 COVID-19 pandemic has made it more difficult for Defendants to meet with counsel and  
26 interpreters to review discovery. (*Id.* at 4.)

1 Having thoroughly considered the briefing and the relevant record, the Court FINDS that  
2 the ends of justice served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of Defendants  
3 and the public to a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The reasons for this finding are:

4 1. In light of the complexity of the case, it is unreasonable to expect adequate  
5 preparation for pretrial proceedings and for the trial within the time limits established by the  
6 Speedy Trial Act. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii).

7 2. Failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice. *See*  
8 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

9 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS:

10 1. Defendants' motion (Dkt. No. 47) is GRANTED.  
11 2. The May 16, 2022 jury trial is CONTINUED to October 10, 2022.  
12 3. The pretrial motions deadline is CONTINUED until September 2, 2022.  
13 4. The period from the date of this order until October 10, 2022 is an excludable  
14 period under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

15 DATED this 11th day of April 2022.

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John C. Coughenour  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE